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SUBJECT: JENKINS' VISIT TO BERLIN

REF: (A) BONN 31814, (B) USBERLIN 0532, (C) BRUSSELS 4254

SUMMARY: SENAT HAS DISCUSSED JENKINS' VISIT WITH ALLIED
MISSIONS NOTING THAT ITS HIGHLIGHT WILL BE SPEECH BEFORE
INDUSTRY AND HANDELSKAMMER (IHK) ON APRIL 13. FRENCH MISSION,
ACTING ON INSTRUCTIONS FROM PARIS, HAS UNILATERALLY EXPRESSED
TO SENAT FRENCH RESERVATIONS REGARDING VISIT.
END SUMMARY

1. THREE ALLIED MISSIONS HAVE REQUESTED BASIC OUTLINE OF EC
PRESIDENT JENKINS' PROPOSED TRIP TO BERLIN APRIL 13 AND 14.
SENAT CANNOT SUPPLY DETAILS BECAUSE AS OF THIS DATE, MOST
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REMAIN TO BE WORKED OUT. SENAT HAS INFORMED US AS FRG DID
IN BONN GROUP (REF A) THAT THE HIGHLIGHT OF JENKINS'
VISIT WILL BE ADDRESS BEFORE THE BERLIN CHAMBER OF
COMMERCE AND INDUSTRY (IHK) LATE IN THE AFTERNOON OF
APRIL 13. IN ADDITION, JENKINS WILL GIVE A PRESS
CONFERENCE; A CALL ON GOVERNING MAYOR IS LIKELY BUT NOT
YET SCHEDULED.

2. ACCORDING TO THE SENAT, THERE IS TO BE NO INVITATION FROM STOBBE OR ANYONE ELSE EXTENDED TO JENKINS. SENAT IS OF THE OPINION THAT BECAUSE BERLIN IS A PART OF THE EC, NO INVITATION IS NECESSARY FOR JENKINS TO VISIT, OR FOR ANY OF THE EC OFFICIALS OR ORGANIZATIONS TO COME HERE. (STOBBE MAY, HOWEVER, SEND A "LETTER OF WELCOME" TO JENKINS). ACCORDING TO HEAD OF THE SENAT CHANCELLERY GERHARD HEIMANN, THE IMPETUS FOR THE VISIT CAME FROM JENKINS, NOT FROM THE SENAT OR GOVERNING MAYOR. WE ARE TOLD THAT ONE OF THE MINISTER PRESIDENTS IN THE FRG (POSSIBLY FILBINGER) INVITED JENKINS TO VISIT, BUT JENKINS SAID HE PREFERRED TO GO TO BERLIN FIRST. JENKINS THEN INDICATED TO THE BERLIN GOVERNMENT THAT HE WAS INTENDING TO COME HERE, AND THOUGHT HE WOULD MEET WITH THE BERLIN COORDINATING COMMITTEE FOR THE EUROPEAN PARLIAMENTARY ELECTIONS. SENSING THE POLITICAL PROBLEMS THAT SUCH A MEETING MIGHT INVOLVE, THE SENAT WENT BACK TO JENKINS AND PROPOSED HE SPEAK TO THE CHAMBER OF COMMERCE AND INDUSTRY INSTEAD. AS OUR SENAT SOURCES TOLD US, THE SENAT HOPED THEREBY TO DEFLECT THE TENOR OF ANY REMARKS JENKINS MIGHT MAKE IN PUBLIC AWAY FROM THE POLITICAL TOWARDS THE ECONOMIC REALM.

3. AT DINNER MARCH 8 FRENCH SENAT LIAISON OFFICER, ACTING ON INSTRUCTIONS FROM PARIS, INFORMED HEIMANN
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AND HIS DEPUTY, SCHULTZE, THAT FRENCH HAD NO OBJECTIONS TO JENKINS VISITING BERLIN, BUT THAT PARIS WAS CONCERNED ABOUT THE VISIT, PARTICULARLY THAT THE SUBJECT OF BERLIN'S ROLE IN THE EC PARLIAMENTARY ELECTIONS MIGHT BE GIVEN TOO MUCH EMPHASIS, AND RESULT IN UNNECESSARY DIFFICULTIES. FRENCH SENAT LIAISON OFFICER WENT ON TO SUGGEST THAT THE SENAT SHOULD INFORM JENKINS OF POLITICAL SENSITIVITY OF SUBJECT OF BERLIN'S INVOLVEMENT IN EC PARLIAMENTARY ELECTIONS AND SUGGEST HE "BE CAREFUL" IN ADDRESSING ANY REMARKS ON THIS SUBJECT. SENAT REPRESENTATIVES WERE UNSETTLED, AND A BIT ANNOYED BY FRENCH STATEMENT; THEY REFUSED OUT OF HAND TO EVEN CONSIDER RAISING SUBJECT WITH JENKINS. FRENCH SENAT LIAISON OFFICER DID NOT RULE OUT THAT FRENCH MAY UNILATERALLY RAISE ISSUE WITH JENKINS' OFFICE.

4. COMMENT: WE THINK IT UNFORTUNATE THAT FRENCH CHOSE TO RAISE TO RAISE THIS ISSUE IN UNCOORDINATED FASHION, AND MENTIONED THIS POINT TO FRENCH SENAT LIAISON OFFICER AFTERWARDS. FROM ALL WE CAN TELL HERE IT WOULD SEEM THE SENAT IS WELL SENSITIZED TO WHOLE RANGE OF ISSUES RELATED TO JENKINS' VISIT AND HAVE ALREADY TAKEN STEPS TO AVOID ANY UNNECESSARILY DEMONSTRATIVE OR PROVOCATIVE

OCCURRENCES ARISING OUT OF THE VISIT. DAVIS

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